Hongenakenal border dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

2346. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Centre that a new controversy has arisen between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu about the ownership of an island near the Hogenakenal Falls—to tourist spot;

(b) what are the steps taken by the Central to settle the ownership dispute; and

(c) whether Government would undertake a joint survey under the supervision of Central officials to get the truth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Neither of the State Government has approached the Central Government to resolve their border dispute. The approach of the Central Government has consistently been that inter State boundary disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and that the Central Government works only as a facilitator for amicable settlement of the dispute in a spirit of mutual accommodation and understanding.

(c) The Government of Karnataka has informed that it has ordered for joint survey of the disputed property to be taken up along with Government of Tamil Nadu Survey Department.

Maintaining of traffic signals in Delhi and other cities

2347. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of agencies which look after and maintain traffic signals in the Metros namely Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai and the amount payable annually with details of amount paid in the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of signals including some individual points do not work in these cities particularly Delhi and these remain unattended for months together, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The information is given below:

Delhi

Name of the agencies presently entrusted with maintenance	—	(i) M/s CMS Traffic Systems Limited (ii) M/s Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation (KELTRON)
Year		Amount paid
2002-03	—	Rs. 78,00,000
2003-04	—	Rs. 69,00,000
2004-05	—	Rs. 1,05,00,000

Chennai

Name of the agencies presently entrusted with maintenance	—	(i) M/s CMS Traffic Systems Limited
Year		Amount paid
2002-03	—	Rs. 21,10,346
2003-04	—	Rs. 37,67,515
2004-05	—	Rs. 17,10,463

Mumbai

Name of the agencies presently entrusted with maintenance	—	(i) M/s Tyco Fire and Security India Pvt. Limited.

Year		Amount paid
2002-03	—	Rs. 1,41,84,779
2003-04	—	Rs. 2,04,38,693
2004-06 (upto 30th November, 2005)	—	Rs. 2,21,60,776

Kolkata

The work of maintenance of traffic signals in Kolkata has been entrusted to various companies namely Onnyx, Control Device, CMS, Pioneer on advertisement right basis. All expenditure incurred on maintenance of traffic signals are borne by these companies.

(b) As per available information, traffic signals in all these cities are functioning satisfactorily. Occasional complaints of failure/malfunctioning of signals/are attended to by the concerned agencies as and when reported/noticed.

Crimes against women

2348. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the increasing incidents of crimes against women are having bad impact on the visiting tourists of the capital; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) A total of 11,18,663 foreign tourists have visited Delhi upto 30th November of the current year as against 10,73,418 during the entire year of 2004.

However, the Government has taken a number of steps to prevent crime against women including establishment of Crime Against Women